

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

11th May 2025

Parish Newsletter

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARIES MASSES WEEKEND 10th/11th

Sat 7pm: Patricia (Patsy) Dowling, Knocknadogue
Sylvester Hennessy, Smithstown;
Sun 11am: Tom Kealy, Aughamucky
Margaret (Maggie) Kennedy, Mayhora; Gerry Dwyer
Kieran Cantwell, Ballyhemmon
Fri 16th, 9am: Claire Ryan, Maryville; Kevin Oates, Yellow Rd;
Sat 17th, 10am: Tom and Mary Ann Brennan; Tom Brennan (Jnr) The Prince

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Sat 17th, 7pm: Joe and Brigid Breen, Knockadogue
Martin and Thomas Molloy, Hillside View.

John Coady, Skehana; Hanna Ryan, Aughamuckey;

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION 2025

Please pray for the boys and girls of our parish
who will receive First Holy Communion next weekend at the 11am Mass.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 23rd February: €2,355.00
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish
funds and to the clergy funds. Míle Buíochais.

OSSORY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Fintan Barrett from our parish will join over
50 young people from our diocese in Lourdes
this year. There will be a Church Door
collection at all masses this weekend for the
support of his fundraising.

OSSORY TIMES

Easter edition available - €2

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Mary Buggy
8am: Maria Reyes
11am: First Holy Communion

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Chrissie Brooke
Sat 7pm: Catherine Greer
Sun 8am Lalaine Brennan
Sun 11am Teresa Hetherington

Safeguarding in our Parish & Diocese:

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
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Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
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POPE LEO XIV

At 7.23pm (Roman Time) on Thursday 8th May the first American-born pope, Leo XIV, came onto the balcony amid roars from the crowd. His first words as Holy Father were in Italian: “Peace be with all of you!” He referenced his background in his initial address to those gathered in St. Peter’s Square: “I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian. He said, *‘With you I am a Christian, for you a bishop.’ So may we all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.*”

Pope Leo XIV was born Sept. 14, 1955, in Chicago, Ill. He joined the Augustinian order in 1977, making his solemn vows in 1981. He joined their mission in Peru in 1985 and largely worked in the country until 1999, when he was elected head of the Augustinians’ Chicago-based province. From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the worldwide order. In 2014, Pope Francis named him bishop of Chiclayo, in northern Peru, and the pope asked him also to be apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru, from April 2020 to May 2021.

Pope Francis called him to the Vatican in January 2023. During a talk at St. Jude Parish in Chicago in August the then-cardinal said Pope Francis nominated him “specifically because he did not want someone from the Roman Curia to take on this role. He wanted a missionary; he wanted someone from outside; he wanted someone with a different perspective.”

Pope Leo XIV speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese and reads Latin and German.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Bishop Niall invites you to be part of the *Jubilee Year of Hope* Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, 30th May – 1st June 2025.

SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN

Ms Mary McCarthy, Interim Manager of Scoil Íosagáin, has announced the appointment of Ms Aileen Lynch as Principal of Scoil Íosagáin. We wish her well as she takes up her new role.

PLEASE RETURN TROCAIRE BOXES

IRISH BISHOPS WELCOME THE NEW POPE

Archbishop Martin of Armagh welcomed the appointment of Pope Leo XIV and commented that he “is a missionary at heart with a breadth of international experience and background – having ministered in three continents. His opening words about peace and ‘building bridges’ indicate that he wishes to work for reconciliation and unity in the Church and in the world.”

Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin welcomed Pope Leo XIV saying that he brings a great wealth of experience to his new mission: as an missionary, as an American, as a diocesan bishop and his experience of the world wide church in his previous work as world leader of the Augustinian order. Commenting that there would be continuity with the work of Pope Francis, though distinguishing him to being the successor of St Peter rather than successor of Pope Francis.

Bishop Martin Hayes of Kilmore rejoiced at the announcement of Pope Leo XIV giving thanks to God “for a mathematician, a canon lawyer, a religious missionary priest, a bishop of the global south, and a cardinal familiar with the workings of the Church in Rome who will now lead the Catholic Church throughout the world”

Bishop Denis Nulty of Kildare and Leighlin welcomed Pope Leo noting that he has worked in three continents is truly a global Pope, who takes his name following Pope Leo XIII, the great social Pope, the pioneer of Catholic Social Teaching.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SCAIP AN SCÉAL

Cuireadh Oscailte - An open invitation to celebrate 86 years of Education in Castlecomer Boys’ School will take place on June 23rd, 6.30 – 8.30pm. All are invited – in particular past pupils and staff – to visit the school, relive memories, catch up, view photos from yester year. Pass the word – Scaip an Focal.

FASSADININ HISTORY SOCIETY

A talk by Margaret O’Neill on ‘**Castlecomer In The Papers 1924**’ will take place in the Meeting Room in Castlecomer Hall on Tues 13th May at 8pm. Adm. €5. All are welcome

CORE COLLEGE SEEK ACCOMMODATION

Have you a room to spare? Students require accommodation 1-4 days at a time. Further information from 056-4440254.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tues 7pm – 9pm; Wed and Sat after Morning Mass.